



1. Basic case vignette

Include:

Basic Hx:

- PC
- HPC
- PMHx
- +/-GP letter / medication Hx

Some information should be held back so that the reader can be encouraged to provide a wide differential diagnosis and to think about how this could subsequently be narrowed.

Example questions

What further information could sought from the history?

What would you include in your initial differential diagnosis?

What investigations would you like to perform?

Justify your investigation strategy

2. Initial investigations

This section should test data interpretation skills whilst not giving away the final diagnosis

Include:

- blood tests available within 24hrs
- Other tests available within 24hrs (e.g., urinalysis, blood film, gram stain)
- basic radiology (include images)
- Examination finding (photo with permission)

Example questions

What does the investigation/photo show?

What does your differential diagnosis include now?

What further investigations could be performed?

3. Further examination finding/Further information from history/Further investigation

The differential diagnosis should now be sufficiently refined by further information to allow a diagnostic test to be performed

Example questions

What does the investigation/picture etc. show?

What does your differential diagnosis include now?

What further investigation should now be performed?

4. Final results section

What is the diagnosis?

5. How should this condition be treated?

6. Educational information about the case

7. Assessment testing learning from the case